

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments, and the following remarks. Claims 1-4 are in the application.

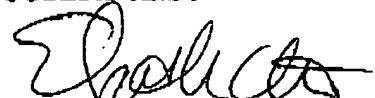
The Examiner rejected claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Meyer. Applicant respectfully traverses.

Meyer describes a hinge in which the molding gates are formed between the post and the aperture of the hinge. In order to create this arrangement, the gates must be formed with a moving part of the injection mold, which moves 90 degrees into the parting line or opening of the mold.

By moving the molding gates outside the hinge and onto another part of the clip, the present invention eliminates the need for this expensive and cumbersome piece of equipment. The molding gates of the present invention, which are located outside the aperture of the hinge, can be formed in a much simpler and less expensive manner. One reading Meyer, which is very specific to how the molding gates are formed as part of the hinge structure, would not be motivated to try to move the molding

gates to another part of the product. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 1-4 are patentable over Meyer. Early allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

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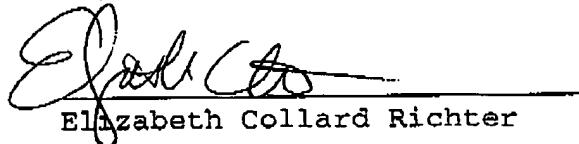
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